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Letter dated 9 July 2018 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith information bulletins from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence regarding the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic for the period from 6 to 9 July 2018 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 9 July 2018 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence regarding the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (6 July 2018)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic, signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

The Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported five incidents of gunfire in the following Governorates: two in Hama, two in Ladhiqiyah and one in Aleppo.

The Turkish representative office has not reported any incidents of gunfire.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours, the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic has carried out three humanitarian operations: one in Umm Walad, Suwayda' Governorate (1,000 food parcels with a total weight of 4.3 tons were delivered to people in need); one in Tall Ahmar, Aleppo Governorate (650 food parcels with a total weight of 2.8 tons were delivered to people in need); and one in Khusham, Dayr al-Zawr Governorate (650 food parcels with a total weight of 2.8 tons were delivered to people in need).

In total, 1,857 humanitarian operations have been carried out.

The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered is 2,732.96 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 88 residents.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

No ceasefire agreements have been signed over the past 24 hours.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process is unchanged — it is still 2,518.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 234.

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence regarding the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (7 July 2018)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic, signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

The Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported three incidents of gunfire: two in Aleppo Governorate and one in Ladhiqiyah Governorate.

The Turkish representative office has not reported any incidents of gunfire.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours, the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic has carried out two humanitarian operations: one in Babila, Rif Dimashq Governorate (construction materials with a total weight of 30 tons were delivered to people in need); and one in Musayfirah, Suwayda' Governorate (1,000 food parcels with a total weight of 4.3 tons were delivered to civilians).

In total, 1,859 humanitarian operations have been carried out.

The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered is 2,767.26 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 10 residents.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 85,598 residents.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

No ceasefire agreements have been signed over the past 24 hours.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process is unchanged — it is still 2,518.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 234.

Following negotiations with the leaders of armed groups in Dar'a Governorate, mediated by the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic, agreement was reached on the following issues:

1. Ceasing hostilities and commencing the surrender of heavy and medium weapons in all populated areas controlled by the armed groups;

2. Regularizing the status of fighters;

3. Evacuating fighters and family members not wishing to take part in the regularization process to Idlib Governorate;

4. Reopening government offices of the Syrian Arab Republic in the populated areas;

5. Ensuring the return of refugees from the Jordanian border to their homes.

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence regarding the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (8 July 2018)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic, signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

The Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported five incidents of gunfire in Ladhiqiyah Governorate.

The Turkish representative office has reported two incidents of gunfire in Aleppo Governorate.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours, the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic has carried out one humanitarian operation in Jizah, Dar'a Governorate: 1,000 food parcels with a total weight of over 4.3 tons were delivered.

In total, 1,860 humanitarian operations have been carried out.

The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered is 2,771.9 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 12 residents.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 85,610 residents.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

No ceasefire agreements have been signed over the past 24 hours.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process is 2,518.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 234.

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence regarding the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (9 July 2018)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

The process of normalization is continuing in the south-western de-escalation zone. Following successful negotiations, the number of populated areas that have joined the ceasefire regime has increased to 90: 75 in Dar'a Governorate, including 16 over the past 24 hours; and 15 in Suwayda' Governorate, including 1 over the past 24 hours. Representatives of the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic are negotiating the withdrawal of fighters and their family members to Idlib Governorate. A crossing point near the city of Dar'a has been prepared in conjunction with the armed forces of the Syrian Arab Republic. The withdrawal of up to 1,000 people is planned.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic, signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

The Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported four incidents of gunfire: three in Ladhiqiyah Governorate and one in Hama Governorate.

The Turkish representative office has reported two incidents of gunfire: one in Aleppo Governorate and one in Hama Governorate.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

The Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic has not carried out any humanitarian operations over the past 24 hours.

In total, 1,860 humanitarian operations have been carried out.

The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered is 2,771.56 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 10 residents.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 85,620 residents.